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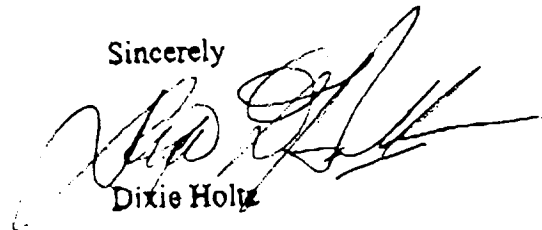
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

In writing to you today I wish to express my concern regarding the Microsoft settlement. The Department of Justice is now reviewing the settlement. I deeply hope that at the end of this review, the decision is made that this settlement is in the best interest of the nation.

I believe this settlement is extensive. Microsoft has made many concessions that will inhibit future anticompetitive behavior. Foremost among these concessions is the term that guarantees the creation of a third-party technical review board. The job of this board is to ensure that Microsoft complies with the terms of this settlement.

As I believe this settlement to be equitable. I ask that the Department of Justice implement the settlement quickly. Thank you.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dixie Holtz", with a stylized, flowing script.

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